

# environments

Play+ Environment Helper: playenv Introduction ■ In the Play+ ecosystem, applications must seamlessly adapt to varying runtime contexts—from local development to staging and production. playenv supports this through environment-aware configuration , delivering a secure, consistent, and reliable way to manage environment-specific variables. A robust environment management system enhances both security and maintainability . playenv ensures that API keys, feature flags, and contextual settings are loaded correctly without being hardcoded. Package Info ■ Distribution Path Description Golden Path Pre-installed at /system/play.env.ts Uplift Path npm install @playplus/env Folder Reference ■ Environment variables are managed using .env files at the project root: File / Directory Purpose & Guidelines .env Default values for all environments. Committed to version control. .env.local Local overrides for development. Must not be committed. .env.development Optional environment-specific file. .env.production Used in production deployment. /system/play.env.ts Core helper exposing type-safe access to environment variables. /system/play.env.service.ts Angular service wrapper for environment management. Pillar Alignment ■ Pillar Alignment Description Adaptive Enables dynamic behavior across environments (e.g., API endpoints, logging levels). Intuitive Offers a simple, type-safe get() interface with built-in coercion. Distinct Promotes consistent, repeatable config practices across Play+ projects. Inclusive Reduces cognitive load for new or experienced developers. Engaging Encourages best practices like secret segregation and fallback defaults. Helper Overview ■ playenv is a secure, type-safe abstraction over process.env . It simplifies and automates: Variable Loading : Automatically reads from .env , .env.[env] , and .env.local in priority order. Override Strategy : .env.local > .env.[env] > .env Type Parsing : Coerces values to string , number , or boolean . Validation : Optionally checks required variables at startup. Security : Separates secrets into .env.local , helping avoid accidental commits. Cross-Platform : Works in both browser and Node.js environments (Angular/SSR). Configuration Options ■ All configuration is done via .env files. No separate JSON config is needed. Variable Name Example Value Description NODE\_ENV "development" Current runtime environment. API\_URL "https://api.playplus.io" Backend API base URL. FEATURE\_FLAG\_CLIENT\_KEY "sdk-123-abc" Client-side key for feature flag service. ENABLE\_ANALYTICS true Boolean toggle for analytics scripts. LOG\_LEVEL "debug" Logging level for the application. LOG\_TRANSPORT "console" Log transport method. LOG\_API\_URL "https://logs.api.com" Remote logging API URL. LOG\_API\_KEY "log-key-123" Remote logging API key. APP\_NAME "play-angular-seed" Application name. HOSTNAME "localhost" Application hostname. AUTH\_STORAGE "localStorage" Authentication storage method. AUTH\_TOKEN\_NAME "auth\_token" Authentication token name. AUTH\_SCHEME "Bearer" Authentication scheme. CSRF\_COOKIE\_NAME "csrf\_token" CSRF cookie name. CSRF\_HEADER\_NAME "X-CSRF-Token" CSRF header name. Helper Methods ■ Core Methods ■ Method Name Description Signature get Get an environment variable with type coercion and fallback. get<T = string>(key: string, defaultValue?: T): T validate Validate that required environment variables are set. validate(requiredKeys: string[]): void all Expose all loaded environment variables (for debugging only). all(): Record<string, string | undefined> Type Coercion Logic: ■ If T is boolean , parses 'true' / 'false' and '1' / '0' If T is number , attempts parseFloat Returns defaultValue if key is undefined Throws error if required key is missing and no default provided Angular Service Methods ■ The PlayEnvService provides additional Angular-specific functionality: Method Name Description Return Type setConfig Set environment configuration. void get Get configuration value by key. any isProduction Check if running in production. boolean isDevelopment Check if running in development. boolean isDebug Check if debug mode is enabled. boolean getApiUrl Get the API URL. string getAppName Get the application name. string getVersion Get the application version. string Usage Examples ■ Angular: Config Service (Implemented) ■ // src/app/services/config.service.ts import { Injectable } from "@angular/core" ; import { playenv } from "../../../system/play.env" ; @ Injectable ( { providedIn : "root" } ) export class ConfigService { public readonly apiUrl : string ; public readonly featureFlagClientKey : string ; public readonly enableAnalytics : boolean ; public

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readonly nodeEnv : string ; constructor ( ) { this . apiUrl = playenv . get ( "API_URL" , "http://localhost:3001" ) ;
this . featureFlagClientKey = playenv . get ( "FEATURE_FLAG_CLIENT_KEY" , "" ) ; this . enableAnalytics =
playenv . get < boolean > ( "ENABLE_ANALYTICS" , false ) ; this . nodeEnv = playenv . get ( "NODE_ENV" ,
"development" ) ; } } Angular: PlayEnvService Usage ■ // Using the Angular service wrapper import {
PlayEnvService } from "../system/play.env.service" ; @ Injectable ( { providedIn : "root" } ) export class
AppService { constructor ( private envService : PlayEnvService ) { // Set configuration this . envService .
setConfig ( { production : false , apiUrl : "https://api.example.com" , appName : "My App" , version : "1.0.0" ,
debug : true , } ) ; } getEnvironmentInfo ( ) { return { isProd : this . envService . isProduction ( ) , isDev : this .
envService . isDevelopment ( ) , isDebug : this . envService . isDebug ( ) , apiUrl : this . envService . getApiUrl (
) , appName : this . envService . getAppName ( ) , version : this . envService . getVersion ( ) , } ; } } ### ■
Validation Example ```ts // Validate required environment variables at startup import { playenv } from
"./system/play.env"; // In your app initialization playenv.validate(["API_URL",
"FEATURE_FLAG_CLIENT_KEY", "LOG_LEVEL"]); Debugging Example ■ // Get all environment variables for
debugging import { playenv } from "../system/play.env" ; console . log ( "All environment variables:" , playenv .
all ( ) ) ; Git Configuration ■ The project includes proper .gitignore configuration for environment files: # Play+
Environment # Uncomment the below lines when in actual project # .env.local # .env.local # .env.production
Note : The environment files are commented out in the current .gitignore to allow for development setup. In
production projects, these should be uncommented. Developer Checklist ■ Before You Commit: ■ Added all
non-secret keys to .env with sensible defaults? Stored secrets in .env.local (not .env) ? Confirmed .env.local is
in .gitignore ? Using playenv.get() instead of process.env ? Provided fallback defaultValue in get() calls?
(Optional) Configured required key validation? Used type coercion for boolean and number values? Validated
environment variables at app startup? Why We Created This Helper ■ Accessing configuration via process.env
is common but problematic: Not type-safe — values are strings by default Scattered — fallback logic lives
across many files Insecure — secrets can be committed by mistake Opaque — missing keys cause silent
failures Platform-specific — different behavior in browser vs Node.js playenv solves all of these: Centralized,
predictable, validated config access Built-in type safety with coercion Strong separation of code and secrets
Cross-platform compatibility (browser + Node.js) Clear error messages for missing required variables
Integration with Other Play+ Systems ■ Logging Integration ■ // system/play.log.ts uses playenv for
configuration const envLevel = process . env [ "LOG_LEVEL" ] as LogConfig [ "level" ] ; const transport = (
process . env [ "LOG_TRANSPORT" ] as "console" | "remote" ) || "console" ; const apiUrl = process . env [
"LOG_API_URL" ] ; const apiKey = process . env [ "LOG_API_KEY" ] ; Security Integration ■ //
system/play.security.ts uses playenv for auth configuration const authStorage = ( process . env [
"AUTH_STORAGE" ] as "cookie" | "localStorage" ) || "localStorage" ; const tokenName = process . env [
"AUTH_TOKEN_NAME" ] || defaultConfig . auth . tokenName ; const scheme = process . env [
"AUTH_SCHEME" ] || defaultConfig . auth . scheme ; Server Configuration ■ // src/server.ts uses playenv for
server configuration const port = process . env [ "PORT" ] || 4000 ; Closing Note ■ Environment awareness is
not just a backend concern — it's a foundation for resilient frontends too. playenv empowers developers to ship
confidently across contexts, knowing that their applications are secure, reliable, and configuration-smart. It's
another way Play+ helps you focus on what matters — the experience.

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